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Orientation Breakfast Alumni Speakers and Guest Biographies

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Len was a January AEP student at Cardozo, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He was a member of Law Review, an Alexander Fellow, and a contributor to the New York Real Estate Law Reporter. He taught Legal Writing at Cardozo for several years, and has been a member of the Alumni Executive Committee since graduation.

Prior to founding Ritz Law in January 2006, Len was a real estate associate at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel and at Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman (now Cooley). His practice concentrates on condominium and cooperative law, commercial leasing, and construction law. He is a member of the NYSBA Condominium and Cooperative Law Committee, Commercial Leasing Committee, and the Construction Law Committee. Mr. Ritz has represented developers throughout New York City, including The Trump Organization, The Related Companies, Extell, and Rockrose. He played an active role in the development of offering plans and the sale of units for projects ranging in size from four to 400 units, including Trump World Tower and the Time Warner Center. He is a frequent contributor to the New York Times Real Estate Q&A, Habitat Magazine and The Cooperator, and is widely credited with coining the phrase “financial colonoscopy” to describe the co-op board application and approval process.

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Nicole graduated cum laude from George Washington University in 2013, with a major in Political Science and a minor in Italian Language and Literature. She graduated from Cardozo Law in 2016. While at Cardozo, Nicole served as an Articles Editor for the Arts & Entertainment Law Journal, participated in the Divorce Mediation Clinic, and completed the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program. Following graduation, Nicole worked as an Associate at a boutique matrimonial firm, where her practice focused on complex divorce actions, high-conflict custody cases, and premarital and postnuptial agreements. Nicole practiced for approximately 1.5 years, at which point she left matrimonial law and pivoted to an in-house role at ED Ellen DeGeneres. Her responsibilities at ED Ellen DeGeneres involve contract drafting and negotiation, managing existing relationships with partners and licensees, and evaluating new business development opportunities for the company.

Nicole is actively involved with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. She has held several fundraising events and is a member of the foundation's Young Professionals and Spin4 Committees.

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JARED is a partner in the New York office of Blank where he advocates for commercial insurance policyholders in high-stakes, complex litigation and corporate transactions. He represents policyholders against their insurance companies as lead counsel in precedent-setting lawsuits across the nation and at the deal table as insurance counsel on multi-billion dollar mergers and acquisitions. Jared uses his courtroom and real world experience to provide clients with practical, business-focused solutions to complex legal issues. He has helped clients secure more than one billion dollars in insurance recoveries. Jared's accomplishments for policyholders on a national stage has led to frequent invitations to share his thoughts on cutting-edge issues facing his clients. Jared is a frequent analyst for NBC News, CBS News, Washington Post, Corporate Counsel, Business Insurance, and Law360.

The 2017 and 2018 editions of Legal 500 noted that he is "a young star of the policyholder bar," recommended him, and named him a "Next Generation Lawyer." He was also named to Benchmark Litigation's 2017 "Under 40 Hotlist," which ranks attorneys "who have been deemed the most promising emerging talent in their respective litigation communities by peers and clients." In 2017, he was named by Law360 as a "Top Attorney Under 40" for the fourth consecutive year in the insurance category for his work on behalf of policyholders—he is the only attorney to ever be named a "Rising Star" more than once in the insurance category. Every year beginning in 2013, Chambers USA recognizes Jared as a leading policyholder insurance lawyer. Chambers noted that his clients appreciate that he is "very creative in the way he approaches problems with insurers" and that he is "accomplished, responsive, and provided clarity throughout the legal process—he was unequivocal in his commitment to the legal resolution," he is "very professional and responsive, and has a good feel for nuances," and "is incredibly hard-working, tenacious and strategic." Jared was also featured in the May 2018 edition of The Cardozo Journal of Outstanding Alumni.

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Robert is admitted to the bar in both New York and Florida. He received his undergraduate degree from The University of Memphis in 1997 and graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2002. In 2008, he earned a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and in 2017, he completed a Masters of Business Administration from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Rob is also an active member of the Cardozo alumni community where he is Co-chair for the OUTlaw Alumni affinity group and Vice Chair for the Alumni Association Executive Committee.

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Glenda M. Dixon is a discovery attorney specializing in various corporate actions including Mergers and Acquisitions and addressing Second Requests. Having built a successful practice based in Brooklyn, Glenda has represented clients in Family Court in all five boroughs of New York City. After being in solo practice for eight years she closed her family law practice in 2004. She now does temporary attorney work for agencies.

Glenda has been an active member of the Alumni Association's Executive Committee since 2002. Her commitment earned her the prestigious Alumni Association Volunteer Service Award in 2011. She has also co-chaired the Alumni Students Relations Committee with Rachel Nash and a former chairperson of Cardozo's BALLSA Alumni Group. Glenda was recently honored at their annual dinner in recognition as a Game Changer from her commitment to diversity as well as her dedication and spirit to the group's rich history.

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At Cardozo, Roy is Vice Chair of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, Chair of the CLE Committee, and a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. He Chairs the Real Property Section at the New York County Lawyers Association, where he also programs CLEs. Before attending Cardozo, Roy enjoyed a successful editorial career after majoring in journalism at Syracuse University's SI Newhouse School of Public Communications and philosophy at the School of Arts and Sciences. Roy volunteers on various community and religious boards, has a poetic license to write about sports and other topics of the day, and uses puns and to elicit grins or groans from his wife and daughters.

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Pamela practices in the areas of Art Law, Trusts and Estates, and Charitable Organizations, where she advises clients on strategies for the care of artistic and philanthropic legacies, with a focus on income and estate tax consequences. Pamela has a LL.M. in Taxation from NYU School of Law, an undergraduate degree in Architecture from Washington University in St. Louis, an executive certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University, and completed a fellowship at a Washington, D.C.-area nonprofit.

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Marc's practice focuses on intellectual property licensing and franchising in the retail/consumer goods and services areas, such as food/beverage, fashion/apparel and accessories, and commercial/industrial design, including the drafting, negotiation and enforcement of license and franchise documents and agreements, as well as implementation of branding and commercialization objectives for clients via licensing and franchising. In conjunction with the services above, he counsels clients on creating effective strategies for procuring, protecting and enforcing their global intellectual property assets. Marc co-chairs the Kilpatrick Townsend Retail & Consumer Goods Industry Team, and is also a member of the firm's Latin American Practice Group.

In 2015, the International Trademark Association (INTA) honored Marc with the Volunteer Service Award in the Advancement of Committee or Subcommittee Objectives category. Marc is also a recipient of the 2015 Commitment to Justice Award presented by Her Justice recognizing his pro bono work and he is a recipient of the Kilpatrick Townsend 2014 Pro Bono Justice Award. Marc was also a recipient of the 2015 Cardozo Law School Alumni of the Year Award recognizing Marc's leadership and dedication to Cardozo Alums and students. Marc is a member of: INTA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee's Neutral Standards & Measurement Subcommittee and ADR committee; the American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section; and a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Fashion Law Committee.

Marc is currently the Co-Chair for the Litigation Committee of the New York State Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Section, and former Chair of the New York City Bar Association Fashion Law Committee.

Marc lives with his wife and four children on Long Island, and is the Director of the Young Israel of Plainview Little League, as well as a former member of the Board of Trustees for the Young Israel of Plainview. Marc also served on the Board of Directors for the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County (HANC). In 2018, Marc joined the Board of Directors for Unchained At Last, a non-profit organization assisting women to terminate arranged or forced marriages. Marc also serves on the Board of Directors for Foundation for Art and Healing, creator of The UnLonely Project, and a nonprofit organization that strives to increase awareness about the relationship between art and healing.

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While in law school, Elise was a corporate scholar in the Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance and the managing editor of the Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal. She also served as an intern with the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

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Jason was formerly the Long Island Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union leading the organization's policy initiatives in the region. His leadership was instrumental in the development of Long Island United for Police Reform, a grassroots campaign to end discriminatory policing on Long Island and the Long Island Immigrant Education Roundtable, a partnership of local advocates working to end discrimination in public education for immigrant youth.

A recognized public policy expert in the areas of education and criminal justice, Jason's work has been featured in various outlets including NPR, the Huffington Post, Newsday, and the New York Times, and he has spoken extensively on issues at the intersection of race and public policy.